Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Monday 13 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Tuesday 14 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Monday 13 Mar 2023 at 03:51 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Monday and Tuesday. High for further rain and snow later on Wednesday and Thursday.

Headline for Monday 13 Mar 2023: Unsettled with rain turning to widespread snow by afternoon, increasingly windy with blizzard like conditions developing

Mountain weather hazards on Monday 13 Mar 2023

Blizzards Medium Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** High Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet	Sleet	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light snow	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
80%	80%	70%	70%	40%	20%

Forecast for Monday 13 Mar 2023

Weather: Overcast through the day with areas of rain this morning, although this falling as snow across southern Lochaber and northern Argyll. Rain will progressively turn to snow across much of Argyll and the Trossachs by the end of the morning, and everywhere through the afternoon. Strengthening northeasterly winds. Drier and clearer weather spreading south through the evening with a few snow showers.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10% improving to 60% through the evening.

Low Cloud and visibility: Very poor in widespread low cloud down to 400 to 700 metres and snow. Whiteout conditions developing at times. A marked improvement developing as cloud lifts and breaks with patches around 800 metres after dark

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	21/25 E	27/35 E	31/40 NE	46/59 NE	47/60 NE	36/45 N	28/34 NW
900	16/21 E	25/33 E	26/36 NE	32/43 NE	31/43 NE	23/33 N	15/22 NW
600	21/26 NE	27/35 NE	30/39 NE	35/46 NE	33/45 NE	23/31 N	14/19 NW
300	14/20 NE	16/27 NE	20/34 NE	25/38 NE	23/35 N	12/19 N	7/12 NW
Glen	15/28 NE	18/33 NE	17/31 NE	17/33 NE	16/33 N	9/22 N	6/14 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	1/-5	-2/-10	-5/-14	-6/-18	-9/-22	-10/-22	-11/-22
900	1/-5	-2/-9	-3/-11	-4/-14	-6/-16	-8/-17	-8/-16
600	3/-2	1/-7	-1/-9	-2/-11	-4/-13	-4/-13	-5/-12
300	4/-1	3/-2	1/-5	0/-7	-1/-8	-2/-8	-3/-7
Glen	5/0	3/-3	3/-3	2/-3	2/-4	0/-4	-1/-4
Freezing Level*	1500m	600m	300m	200m	00m	00m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Hazardous winter conditions developing through the day, wind speeds reaching 70 mph across the Nevis ranges this afternoon. Snow will be drifting, and surfaces will become icy through the afternoon where rain has fallen previously.

Forecast for Tuesday 14 Mar 2023

Weather: Snow showers through the morning period, heavy for a time with gusty winds. Drier and brighter in the afternoon with fewer snow showers, becoming mostly dry by evening. Very cold. Sun glare on fresh snow.

Maximum wind: Northwest 20 mph gusting 35 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%.

Low Cloud and visibility: Very good visibility but temporarily poor in snow showers with low cloud, base 600-800 m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 3 rising to plus 3 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 9 rising to minus 5 Celsius.
Freezing level: 0-200m.

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